IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Peggy E. Hellberg Group Art Unit: 1612

Serial No.: 10/531,747 (Conf. #3474)

Examiner: Huang, G.

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For: Histone Deacetylase Inhibitors for Treating

Degenerative Diseases of the Eye

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 23, 2009

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2009.

Should any fees by required that are deficient or absent, consider this paragraph an authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Deposit Account No. 010682.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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